case of computers including software and black & white TV receivers with 36" screen size, there is complete exemption from excise duty.

(xii) The import policy has been rationalised with a view to increase production.

(xiii) The Government is promoting appropriate applications of electronics to improve productivity, production quality, safety and quality of service.

Checking of environmental Degradation in Coal and Steel manufacturing industry

996. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to take any steps to check environmental degradation in the coal and steel manufacturing industry; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

— Under the existing Air and Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Acts every industrial unit has to obtain No Objection Certificate from the concerned State Pollution Control Board.

— Guidelines have been laid down by the Department of Environment, Forests & Wild life for shifting of polluting industries like steel.

— All new major projects, including coal and steel, require environmental impact assessment before approval can be accorded.

— The Environmental Protection Act, 1986 will help to take deterrent action against the defaulting industrial units.

Launching of the Augmented Satellite Launch Vehicle

997. SHRI KAPIL VERMA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the plan for launching of the Augmented Satellite Launch Vehicle (A.S.L.V) into space and when it is likely to be launched from Sri Harikota; and

(b) what is the objective of the A.S.L.V.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE *MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY* AND IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) The approved Augmented Satellite Launch Vehicle (ASLV) project envisages two developmental flights and one flight-worthy standby. The first developmental flight of A.S.L.V. will take place from Sriharikota in the second half of this year.

(b) The objective of A.S.L.V. is to develop of low cost reliable launch vehicle capable of placing 150 kg. class of satellites in low earth orbit for a minimum life time of 100 days, at the same time developing and experimenting on advanced launch vehicle technologies and providing vital technological inputs to future launch vehicle projects of the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)

CBI raids at the premises of DDA ex-Vice-President

998. SHRI D. B. CHANDRA GOWDA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the C.B.I. has raided the premises of the Ex-Vice-Chairman of the Delhi Development Authority and seized incriminating documents etc., from these during June, 1986;

(b) if so, the details of the incriminating documents seized during the raids; and